

# Mrs. Ponte's Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

On Thursday we will visit the Franklin IB program. Students will get a chance to sit in on classes and ask questions of staff and current IB students. This is not a parent tour, we will keep you posted when those are scheduled. Please fill out the permission slip sent home today and message me with any questions you have.

Check with your child about your Student Led Conference time, also sent home today. I tried to accommodate everyone but you may not have gotten your first choice depending on when the form was returned.

## Learner Profile Trait of the Month:

### Open-Minded students

understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories, and are open to the perspectives, values, and traditions of other individuals and communities. They seek and evaluate a range of points of view and are willing to grow from the experience.

## Important Dates

December 12<sup>th</sup>: Franklin IB Student Tour

9:00-10:30

December 13<sup>th</sup>: Science Camp Paperwork DUE

December 16-20: Student Conferences

December 23-January 3: Winter Break

January 20-24: Science Camp

## Math News

**We are starting our study of adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. What better way to learn about fractions than to do some cooking? We are asking for a \$2 donation (see flier sent home with your child) to help us cover the costs of a cooking experience for our students.**

**Students should continue to work on "My Path" at home as part of their daily homework routine. Students can earn a Popcorn and Movie party by scoring 100% on their My Path lessons.**

## Unit of Inquiry: How We Express Ourselves

*Central Idea: Systems thinking changes how we understand the world. (written by our class!)*

This week we will be using what we've learned about the components of an ecosystem to decide whether a plan to live on Mars would work.

Students will also continue writing a narrative from the point of view of an "ecosystem disrupter." Students will have the opportunity to publish their writing for the Young Author's Faire. We will also be sharing our writing with 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who learned about habitats and ecosystems in their last UOI.

## 40 Book Challenge

Our class has read over 800 books since the challenge began in August! Please keep encouraging your child to read at home and remind them to bring their book to school each day. How's your own 40 book challenge going? 😊